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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 2 percent of the student population in the age group of 15 to 25 are enrolled in Vocational Education and Training (VET) against 80 percent in Europe;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government during Tenth Five Year Pian to promote such education and training (VET) amongst this age group of students aiongwith the reason for low percentage of persons going m for VET; and

(c) the steps are envisaged to promote VET during the rest of the Tenth Plan period and the Eleventh Pian?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a): According to a press release dated 26.1.2007 by ASSOCHAM, only 2% student`s population n the age group 15-25 are enrolled every year in Vocational Education and Training in india against 80% in Europe.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, financial assistance is provided to State Governments for introduction of vocationai courses in the higher secondary stage. Since inception of the scheme, about 9500 schools have been approved to conduct 21000 sections with an enrollment capacity of around 10 lakh students. Due to lack of vertical mobility, non-availability of trained teachers, lack of flexibility in changing the curriculum to make it need-based and social stigma attached to manual work, etc., sufficient number of students do not opt for VET.

(c):The Prime Minister in his Independence Day (2006) speech had announced to launch a Mission on Vocational Education. Consequent upon the announcement, a Task Force has been constituted by the Planning Commission on 6.12.2006 to suggest steps to promote Vocational Education and Training (VET) during the 11th Plan period and beyond.